

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-through 5 and add claims 6-10.

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (New). A torque support on oil collecting receptacles (2, 2') in a region of a paired connection of spindle heads and roll necks (1, 1') in rolling mill stands during adjustment thereof in both vertical and axial directions, with each of the upper and lower oil collecting receptacles (2, 2') having an attachment point, the torque support comprising an integral strip (3) having a rectangular cross-section, formed of a flexion-resistant material, and extending in a vertical plane between the attachment points of the upper and lower oil collecting receptacles (2, 2'); an articulated joint (4) provided at the attachment point of the upper oil collecting receptacle (2) for pivotally connecting the strip (3) to the upper oil collecting receptacle (2) for enabling a pendulum movement of the strip (3) in the vertical plane; and a guide link member (6) provided at the attachment point of the lower oil collecting receptacle (2) and having an opening (5) for formlockingly receiving a strip lower end (9), the opening (5) providing for changing a distance between the attachment points and an inclination angle (α) of the strip (3).

7. (New). A torque support according to claim 6, wherein the guide link member (6) is formed of a pair of plan-parallel broad side walls (7, 7') and narrow side walls (8, 8'), forming together a rectangular guide opening (5).

8. (New). A torque support according to claim 7, wherein the broad side walls (7, 7') are spaced from each other by a distance such that they form a sliding fit for the strip (3).

9. (New). A torque support according to claim 7, wherein the narrow side walls (8, 8') are convexly shaped toward an interior of the guide link member(6).

10. (New). A torque support according to claim 6, wherein the strip (3) is formed of a glass fiber-reinforced plastic material suitable for an oil-free operation.